

REMARKS

The claims have been amended as needed so as to sharpen the definition of the invention relative to the applied references.

Reconsideration is accordingly respectfully requested, for the rejections of the claims as unpatentable over NISHIMURA in view of GAULD et al. and further in view of KFOURY, or still further in view of SCHMITT et al. or KIM or WADA et al. or still further in view of IKEDA et al.

The claims recite an upper housing including a display unit, a lower housing and a two-axis hinge unit which holds and swings the upper housing relative to the lower housing. They have been amended to emphasize that the principal feature is that an end portion of the two-axis hinge unit is constantly exposed outside of the terminal for viewing in a direction perpendicular to an upper surface of the lower housing.

With this arrangement, the viewer can always operate the information input device, regardless of the position of the housings, and can easily view the input device for operation, while at the same time watching the display.

The cited references do not teach such an arrangement. Specifically, there is nothing in the combination of any of the applied references which would provide the universal swinging movement of the upper housing of the present invention, in combination with an information input device arranged on top of

one end portion of the horizontal rotation axis, this input device being exposed outside the terminal for viewing in a direction perpendicular to an upper surface of the lower housing in all positions of the upper housing.

Thus, even forming any of the complicated combinations of references proposed by the Official Action, would not produce this feature, and so would not meet the claims as amended.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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